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ROCKFORD GANG MEMBER PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

DARRELL D. DAVIS, also known as "Duck", 26 (DOB: 3/19/1980), 536 Lawn Drive, Loves Park, Illinois, pled guilty today in federal court in Rockford to a drug trafficking conspiracy charge, as well as a charge of possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug conspiracy. Sentencing will be conducted on March 2, 2006. Davis faces a mandatory minimum penalty of twenty years of imprisonment and up to life in prison on the drug trafficking conspiracy charge, and a mandatory minimum penalty of at least five years of imprisonment and up to life in prison on the gun charge, which must be ordered to run consecutively. In addition, Davis faces a maximum fine of \$8,250,000, and a term of supervised release of at least ten years and up to life. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

Davis pleaded guilty to Counts One and Twelve of the superseding indictment. Count One alleged that beginning at least as early as 2001, and continuing to September 13, 2005, Davis and other members of the Titanic Stones street gang, also known as the Brothers, conspired with each other to distribute more than one kilogram of heroin and 50 grams of crack cocaine in Rockford, Loves Park, and Chicago. The superseding indictment also alleged that Davis and the other members of the gang rented several houses in third person's names over the course of the conspiracy, and used those houses to distribute the heroin and crack cocaine. Many of those drug houses were fortified with barrel bolts, steel brackets, and 2" x 4" boards on the doors which made it more difficult for rival gangs and/or the police from entering. The superseding indictment further alleged that the gang used firearms to protect their drugs, money, and drug houses from rival drug dealers and rival gangs, and at times used force, intimidation, and violence, including shootings, to discipline members and affiliates of the gangs and to retaliate against competitors.

Davis, who is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing, was the ninth defendant to plead guilty out of a total of 16 individuals charged in the conspiracy. Those defendants who have already pleaded guilty include:

STEVEN P. EASTER, also known as "Little Steve," (DOB: 11/25/83), 223 Webster Avenue,

Rockford, Illinois, pled guilty on September 19, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, and to possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug conspiracy. Easter is scheduled to be sentenced on December 20, 2006. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

AMBROSE L. JONES, also known as "Brose," (DOB: 7/21/81), 1832 N. Main Street, Rockford, Illinois, pled guilty on September 13, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, and to possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug conspiracy. Jones is scheduled to be sentenced on December 20, 2006. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

DUPREE L. TURNER, also known as "Joe," "Joey," and "Duke," (DOB: 12/08/84), 5023 Champlain Street, Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty on October 6, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, and to possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug conspiracy. Turner is scheduled to be sentenced on January 26, 2007. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

BOBBY L. HARRIS, also known as "David," and "B.O.," (DOB: 12/21/84), 7851 S. Marshfield, Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty on September 13, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, and to possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug conspiracy. Harris is scheduled to be sentenced on December 20, 2006. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

FLOYD R. MURRAY, (DOB: 04/04/85), 6937 South Harper, Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty on August 25, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. Murray is scheduled to be sentenced on December 15, 2006. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

CAMERON P. LEMON, also known as "Cam," (DOB: 03/30/82), 15412 Clyde, Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty on August 17, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. Lemon is scheduled to be sentenced on December 1, 2006. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

SYLVIA M. DAVENPORT, (DOB: 04/15/80), 1018 9th Avenue, Rockford, Illinois, pled guilty on October 30, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. Davenport is scheduled to be sentenced on February 8, 2007. She is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

CLINTON W. ALLEN, also known as "Clint," (DOB: 09/23/64), 818 12th Street, Rockford, Illinois, pled guilty on September 21, 2006, to conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. Allen is scheduled to be sentenced on December 20, 2006. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing..

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and the Rockford-Winnebago County Metro Narcotics Unit. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael F. Iasparro and Mark T. Karner.

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